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**STATUS LETTER**

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on November 24, 2003 and an Information Disclosure Statement was mailed to the Patent Office on February 9, 2004. No Official Action has yet been received in the application.

Accordingly, may we please be advised approximately when we can expect the application to be taken up for consideration by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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